



# PSC NEWS

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### PSC TO HOLD FIXED BILL PROGRAMS ROUNDTABLE

Jefferson City (January 21, 2003)---**Fixed Bill Programs** will be the focus of a Missouri Public Service Commission Roundtable on **Friday, January 24, 2003 in Jefferson City.**

“Extraordinarily high natural gas prices in the winter of 2000-2001 and price volatility since that winter have prompted a number of parties to express an interest in fixed bill programs,” stated PSC Energy Department Manager Warren Wood. “Some customers are interested in fixing their bills for budget and/or convenience reasons while others just know they cannot afford their energy bills if they go above a certain level.”

Fixed bill programs differ from budget billing programs in that customers under a fixed bill program have a flat bill for 12 months at a time and are not subject to “true-up” balances at the end of their 12 months. “Several states have implemented fixed bill programs,” stated Wood.

**The roundtable will begin at 1:00 p.m. on January 24, 2003, in the 4th Floor Ballroom of the Governor Office Building (200 Madison) in Jefferson City.** Roundtable discussions provide for an open exchange of ideas, opinions and information among various stakeholders. The Fixed Bill Programs Roundtable is scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m.